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III. REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Format of this Response

This response is submitted in compliance with the revised format for making amendments to the specification, claims and drawings officially adopted by the USPTO on July 30, 2003, and which is now reflected in 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

If a substitute specification is submitted herein, a clean form and marked-up version are included. Amendments to drawings, if any, are submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 on replacement sheets as an attachment to this document (with an accompanying detailed explanation of all of the changes with respect to the drawings made in the remarks section of this amendment.

Status of Claims :

Claims 1-33 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, allowable claims 34-39 are presently pending. No new matter has been introduced with this amendment, which is fully supported by the instant Specification and original claims.

Statement with Respect to Scope of Amended and Non-Amended Claims

Revisions to the claim set is made in order to streamline prosecution of this case in order to obtain early allowance of embodiments that are presently anticipated to be of commercial significance and in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement which has been made final

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in the Office Action, and are not made for a purpose of patentability. Any amendment, cancellation, withdrawal or addition made herein with respect to the claims should not be construed in any manner as indicating Applicant's surrender of any subject matter of the application, or surrender of any equivalent to any element asserted in one or more claims. Any narrowing which may be evinced with respect to subject matter covered by the claims as a whole, or by one or more claims of the appended claims whether amended, re-represented, or new, when compared to claims previously in the application, should not be interpreted as indicating that the Applicant has generally disclaimed the territory between the original claimed subject matter and the amended claimed subject matter. Amended claims elements are to be construed to include substantial equivalents known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Applicant asserts that any amendments transacted herein are made without prejudice and reserve all rights to prosecute any canceled claims, and claim structures preceding any amendment to a particular claim, and other disclosed (but not presently claimed) embodiments in the application, in future continuation applications, divisional applications, continuation-in-part applications, continuing prosecution applications, requests for continuing examination, re-examination applications and any other application claiming priority to the present application.

The Advisory Action mailed February 6, 2006 stated that the amendment filed January 26, 2006 in the USPTO has not been entered because new issues are allegedly raised by the amendment of claims 1-33 that would require further consideration and/or search. In order to expedite allowance of claims 34-39 Applicant has cancelled finally rejected claims 1-33 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecution of the claimed subject matter in another application.

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CONCLUSION

The presently pending claims are believed in condition for allowance; and an early notification thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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